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Why city program to stem gun violence has stalled

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In late August, the city of Sacramento faced a crisis: Gun violence in certain neighborhoods seemed out of control. The Police Department was investigating five open gun-related homicides, and 13 people in the city had died from gunshots during the year. The latest incident was a drive-by shooting in Meadowview, linked to an online battle of insults between local rap artists with gang ties. It quickly became the breaking point in a summer of bloodshed. Community activists and city leaders stood in the park where the shooting happened and agreed on one thing: What was being done to stop gun crime wasn't effective.

Sacramento's City Council called a special meeting on Aug. 29 and unanimously voted to approve a three-year, $1.5 million contract for Advance Peace, a controversial mentoring and intervention approach to curbing gun violence that was pioneered in Richmond.

Berry Accius, a community organizer in Meadowview, called those intense days a "come to Jesus moment," when city officials realized the problem of gun violence requires more than "just throwing police in an area and trying to work it out that way."

Nearly three months later, the city's contract with Advance Peace is in limbo, gun violence continues and the organization is considering going elsewhere.

Community leaders want to know where the resolve has gone.

"I feel like the city manager's office has failed in keeping the urgency," said Ryan McClinton, executive director of Sacra-

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Sulieman Awad receives medical treatment Saturday at the Suez Canal University hospital in Ismailia, Egypt, a day after he was injured during an attack on a mosque. Militants attacked a crowded mosque with explosives and guns during Friday prayers in the Sinai Peninsula.

Attack exposes Egypt's lapses in confronting Islamic State

BY DECLAN WALSH AND DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK
New York Times

CAIRO

After militants massacred 305 people at a packed mosque Friday in a stunning assault on a sacred place, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi responded as he knows best.

El-Sissi went on television vowing to "take revenge" and strike back with an "iron fist." Moments later, Egyptian warplanes swooped over the vast deserts of the Sinai Peninsula, dropping bombs that pulverized vehicles used in the assault. Soldiers fanned out across the area.

Relatives of injured worshippers grieve outside the Suez Canal University hospital in Ismailia, Egypt. More than 300 died in the deadliest-ever attack by Islamic extremists in Egypt.

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But that furious retaliation, which follows years of battle in Sinai against a vicious Islamic State affiliate that downed a Russian passenger jet in 2015 and has regularly attacked Egyptian security forces there, revived the most troubling question about el-Sissi's strategy in the desert peninsula: Why is it failing?

One of the most striking aspects of the carnage that unfolded Friday, the deadliest terrorist attack in Egypt's modern history, was how easy it was for the militants to carry it out. In a statement issued Saturday, Egypt's prosecutor general, Nabil Sadek, described the grisly scene in forensic detail.

Between 25 and 30 gunmen, traveling in five vehicles and

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